CLAIMS

1. A method of managing images on a device comprising at least one means for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information selecting images in a first category, non-selected images being images in a second category, the method comprising a prior step of:

- configuring at least one image management file containing information relating to the management of the images in the first category and to the management of the images in the second category, the image management file being saved in a memory space belonging to the image managing device and different from the memory space containing images and selection information;

then, following the connection of a memory space containing images and selection information, the following steps of:

- obtaining selection information for the images in the connected memory space;

- managing the images in the first category according to the information in the said at least one configured image management file; and

- managing the images in the second category using the information in the said at least one configured image management file.

2. A management method according to Claim 1, wherein said memory space is included in or can be inserted in an image processing apparatus.

3. A management method according to Claim 1, wherein the connection to a memory space takes place by means of an image processing apparatus.

4. A management method according to Claim 3, wherein the image processing apparatus is able to make a selection of images and to supply image selection information.

5. A management method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of configuring at least one image management file is performed on a device

comprising a user interface, distant from the device connected to the memory space.

6. A management method according to Claim 1, comprising a step of recognizing the apparatus connected or the memory space connected before the performance of the step of obtaining the selection information.

7. A management method according to Claim 6, comprising a step of selecting at least one configured management file corresponding to the apparatus or to the connected memory space.

8. A management method according to Claim 3, wherein at least one management file corresponds to each processing apparatus or memory card able to be connected to said device.

9. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the image management steps comprise one or more steps of applying a processing function to the images.

10. A method according to Claim 9, wherein, with each processing function, a set of parameters is associated, which is usable for the application of the function.

11. A method according to Claim 9, wherein the processing functions are in the list consisting of image compression, anti red-eye processing, transfer via a messaging service, transfer over a communication network, printing, transcoding or a combination of the above functions.

12. An image management device comprising:

- at least one means for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information selecting images in a first category, non-selected images being images in a second category;

- at least one memory space belonging to the image managing device, different from the memory space containing images and selection information, and including at least one configurable image management file containing information on the management of the images in the first category and on the management of the images in the second category;

- means for obtaining selection information for the images in the connected memory space;

- means for managing the images in the first category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file;

- means for managing the images in the second category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file.

13. An image management device according to Claim 12, wherein said memory space is included in or can be inserted in an image processing apparatus.

14. An image management device according to Claim 12, wherein the connection to a memory space is made by means of an image processing apparatus.

15. An image management device according to Claim 14, wherein the image processing apparatus is able to make a selection of images and to supply image selection information.

16. An image management device according to Claim 14, comprising means for recognizing an image processing apparatus or a memory space which is connected to it.

17. An image management device according to Claim 12, wherein the image management means are means for applying processing functions to the images.

18. An image management device according to Claim 12, comprising access to a network of the Internet type.

19. An image management device according to Claim 12, comprising an access to a messaging service.

20. An image management device according to Claim 12, comprising an access to a printer.

21. An image management device according to Claim 12, comprising an access to a storage means.

22. An image management device according to Claim 12, comprising image transcoding means.

23. An image management device according to Claim 12, characterized in that it is integrated in a printer.

24. A printer comprising:

- at least one means for connection to at least one memory space containing images and selection information selecting images in a first category, non-selected images being images in a second category;

- at least one memory space belonging to the printer, different from the memory space containing images and selection information, and including at least one configurable image management file containing information on the management of the images in the first category and on the management of the images in the second category;

- means for obtaining selection information for the images in the connected memory space;

- means for managing the images in the first category according to the information in said at least one configured image management file; and

- means for managing the images in the second category using the information in said at least one configured image management file.

25. An information carrier, possibly totally or partially removable, which can be read by a computer system, containing instructions for a computer program for implementing the image management method according to Claim 1.

26. A computer program stored on an information carrier, said program comprising instructions for implementing the image management method according to Claim 1 when it is loaded in and executed by a computer system.